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MARKUS WEISBECK ET AL) GROUP NO.: 1754
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/601,152) EXAMINER: E. M. JOHNSON
FILED: SEPTEMBER 5, 2000) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 13
TITLE: METHOD FOR REGENERATING)
SUPPORTED CATALYSTS)
COVERED WITH GOLD PARTICLES)
AND USED FOR OXIDIZING)
UNSATURATED HYDROCARBONS)

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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This response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in the above-captioned matter. Applicants contend that the instant RCE is proper because it is filed after filing a Notice of Appeal but prior to a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw the finality of the Notice of Appeal (filed October 22, 2002) to permit entry and consideration of the instant amendment.

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